

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for rating teacher qualification comprising:  
a rating system based on a matrix of factors with factor weighting;  
5 matrix factor documentation inputted into the rating system;  
and teacher experience documentation inputted into the rating system;  
wherein the inputted matrix factor documentation and inputted teacher experience  
documentation are weighted and used to produce a qualification score.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the matrix factor documentation is selected from  
10 the group consisting of objective documentation, subjective documentation, and  
combinations thereof.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the matrix of factors is selected from the group  
consisting of a) core content knowledge in academic subject, b) grade-appropriate  
knowledge of subject matter, c) grade-appropriate academic subject matter teaching  
15 skills, d) differentiation of content instruction for diverse learners, e) student assessment  
and achievement of core content concepts; and combinations thereof.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the matrix of factors includes HOUSSE  
requirements.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the documentation weighting includes assigning points  
20 from a points scale based on predetermined scale criteria.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the teacher experience documentation is selected  
from the group consisting of education-related documents, work-history-related  
documents, and combinations thereof.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the documentation includes diplomas, certificates, transcripts, thesis, licensure, professional reference forms/letters, verification of experience, and professional development.

8. A method for teacher qualification documentation rating, the method steps  
5 comprising:

providing a rating system based on a matrix of factors with factor weighting;

inputting factor documentation;

determining the individual factor and total factor points based on the inputted  
factor documentation;

10 determining the teacher qualification rating based on the total factor points.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of at least one teacher participant  
inputting at least part of the documentation for self-administration of the system by the  
participants.

10. The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of a rating agency administering  
15 the rating.

11. A computer readable medium and/or computer executable program code residing  
on a computer readable medium and/or a computer for providing a documentation-based  
teacher qualification rating system comprising:

information relating to the program, including:

20 a rating system based on a matrix of factors with factor weighting means;

matrix factor documentation; and

teacher experience documentation;

wherein the teacher experience documentation and matrix factor documentation are weighted and used to produce a qualification score.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein at least part of the documentation is inputted by at least one teacher participant.

5 13. The system of claim 11, wherein the rating is administered by a rating agency.

14. A computer readable medium and/or computer executable program code residing on a computer readable medium and/or a computer for providing a documentation-based teacher qualification rating method, the method steps comprising:

providing a rating system based on a matrix of factors with factor weighting;

10 inputting factor documentation;

determining the individual factor and total factor points based on the inputted factor documentation;

determining the teacher qualification rating based on the total factor points.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein at least part of the documentation is inputted by at

15 least one teacher participant.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the rating is administered by a rating agency.